

EVERY day the fact becomes more painfully evident that A. M. Hyde is a little, little man in a great big job.

I TRUST every subscriber may read an article on the first page of this paper, headed "The Inheritance Tax," a remarkable enactment for the government of a free people. How far we wander from the thought and principles actuating the founders of the Republic!

THE story of the Panama outrage is recalled by the recent and too long delayed action of Congress awarding \$25,000,000 damages to the Republic of Colombia. It is an acknowledgment of the wrong done to a sister Republic, but it but illy compensates for that wrong.

NO DOUBT the "Budget System" is a good thing, but, like all good things, it comes high. Just compare the appropriations for the coming two years with the expenditures of the late two years under the Gardner administration. All that the good people of Missouri are called upon to do is to dig a little deeper into their pockets. They mustn't grumble at that. We beg them to cheerfully comply with the condition they have brought upon themselves. It may instill a little common sense for future use.

New state senatorial districts were laid out last week by Gov. Arthur M. Hyde, Secretary of State Charles U. Becker and Attorney General Jesse W. Barrett to take the place of the present districts. The new districts will stand, it was stated, upon the vote cast for State Superintendent in 1918, twenty Republican and fourteen Democratic districts. The districting was performed by Hyde, Becker and Barrett under a constitutional provision, which provides that when the Legislature fails to act the state officials shall make a districting. The plan to leave the redistricting to the state officers was agreed upon among the Republican leaders to obviate the suspension of the districting by referendum. It was the opinion of the Attorney General that a districting by the state officers is not subject to the referendum. Ours is the twenty-second district and is composed of the following Counties: Carter, Crawford, Dent, Iron, Oregon, Reynolds, Ripley, Shannon and Washington.

My feelings are expressed in an article written for the Globe-Democrat and published in its last Sunday's issue. Unfortunately for the reader, I am limited by lack of space from reproducing more than one or two short extracts:

The antislavery people thought that with the eighteenth amendment swept into our beloved constitution the American people would take their medicine, stupidly submit, keep their mouths shut (in every way), obey the drastic law, no matter how offensive, and let a bunch of dry-as-dust fanatics with vinegar mouths and chalk-like cheeks rule them. They honestly imagined we were like that—a nation of asinine puppets; and they counted upon many of us (of whom I was one, I am ashamed to say, not so long ago) submitting because it was too much trouble to protest. * * * A friend of mine who never overindulges and never will—just to spite Mr. Volstead and Mr. Anderson!—told me that on a recent visit to Cuba he had never felt happier, for while in that sunny and civilized land he could walk fearlessly into a cafe and order a drink without feeling like a criminal and as though the man at the next table might be a federal officer. It is abominable and intolerable that every one of us has come to distrust his neighbor and to let a little ashamed of his Americanism. A system of espionage is to be the next step in the damnable propaganda of the antislavery people, but to offset that one reads that, owing to the kindly paternalism of Mr. So-and-So, beer may be served over soda fountains. Had we thought we would ever come to that?

Gov. HYDE says that he would have vetoed the appropriation made for the publication of the constitutional amendments last fall, if some of the accounts had not been in the hands of innocent purchasers. He says the publishers' charges were too high, that one-sixth of the amount asked for would have been ample pay. And so on, and so on, in the cheap John style for which his mental calibre so eminently fits him. As all, or nearly all, of the accounts were in favor of Democratic newspapers, his economical sport could be given full exploitation without detriment to those in the ranks of the faithful. It was a grateful opportunity to put on a highly moral air and show the people what a watchful dog of the treasury they had in their observant Governor. So he signed this appropriation bill under high-toned protest—from the mouth out, and perhaps too from partisan feeling within his heart. Now, those amendments had been published according to law at the price set by the law, which price was stated by the Secretary of State to the publisher to whom the advertisements were awarded.

ed. And that had been the practice for fifty years, alike under Democratic and Republican rule. When Mr. Swanger was Secretary of State the Republican papers got their'n at the full legal rate, but I don't recall that Gov. Folk suffered from a moral conviction it when he approved the outlay. And I feel assured that two years from now, when the bills from the various Republican papers in this State roll in, they will find Gov. Hyde in amicable temper; that his righteous indignation will not be in evidence, but that he will approve the appropriation made in their behalf, with a hearty "Thanks to the Giver of All Good!"

THAT part of President Harding's message relating to the League of Nations does not disappoint the general expectation; and the prejudiced utterance accompanying his rejection of the great world scheme is an emanation befitting its source. He is in favor of a "society of nations," however, but does not enlighten us as to how such association is to be formed. In this connection I quote from the Globe-Democrat:

"President Harding has extraordinary powers as a persuader and harmonizer, but in this he is undertaking a prodigious task. Yet, such is our conviction of the inevitableness of this association that we are as confident as ever we were that somehow it will be achieved. It must not be forgotten that the Republican party is pledged to it, and we think there is no mistaking the sincerity of the President's determination to carry out that pledge, with the assistance of Secretary Hughes, who was undoubtedly chosen with that purpose in view. Earnestly we wish him success, and confidently we predict it, though we are unable to see the manner of its attainment under the conditions that confront Mr. Harding. Sure we are that it cannot come through him it cannot come at all, for he is our only agency of achievement in this great matter. But somehow, we repeat, it will come; and after all, whatever form it may take, whatever title it may bear, it will be the League of Nations, fulfilling the mission for which we so long have battled. And we think it right to say, here and now, that, in our opinion, if a League of Nations had not been created at the Peace Conference at Versailles, if our aspirations and the aspirations of the world had not been aroused by it, and the discussions growing out of it, and if the great majority of the nations were not already joined in an association for the preservation of the peace of the world, there would now be no hope for its attainment until another and a greater world war had compelled its creation. The thing had to be done when it was done, while the horrors of war were still fresh in the mind, if it were to be done at all, and if it had not been done then it would not now be an issue, here or anywhere."

Preserve Your Harness.

The undersigned is prepared to dip harness and uses the best oils. This preserves the harness and costs only \$1.00 per set.

J. DUBINSKY, Ironton, Mo.

Bellevue News.

Dr. A. A. Meador was a professional caller here Sunday.

Mrs. D. A. Laester spent a few days of last week with relatives in Flat River.

L. B. Townsend spent Friday in Annapolis. His sister, Miss Irene, accompanied him home.

Mrs. John P. Ricketts and baby left Wednesday for Hickman, Ky., to join her husband who is stationed there as assistant County Demonstrator.

L. G. Townsend left Sunday to enter school in Cape Girardeau.

Miss Veve Ford of Ferguson, Mo., was a week-end visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend.

Misses Lola and Marie Chambers were hostesses to a social last Saturday evening. Home-made candy was passed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Warren and little son of Bismarck spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. Warren.

M. C. Stephens of West Plains is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Stephens. ALPHA.

Dainty (wrapped) Sugar Cured Bacon, 20c lb. LOPEZ STORE CO.

For Sale.

My modern home, 8 rooms, bath, cellar, water system, with 5 acres garden land, bored well, barn, fruit, rock roads, schools and churches. Price low, part exchange or terms. DR. E. MCGINNIS, Bismarck, Mo.

Administrator's Notice.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration on the estate of Lucretia Lashley, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 31st day of March, 1921, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after the date of said letters or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the first insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

This 25th day of April, 1921.

THOS. N. MARR, Administrator.

Attest: SAM M. BREWSTER, Judge of Probate.

Ironton, Mo., April 25, 1921.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.

COUNTY OF IRON.

I hereby certify that Thos. N. Marr was granted Letters of Administration upon the estate of Lucretia Lashley, deceased, on the 31st day of March, 1921.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set (SEAL) my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 25th day of April, 1921.

SAM M. BREWSTER, Judge of Probate and ex-Officio Clerk.

New Goods at Lower Prices

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We offer Quality at the Right Price, and believe that is what the trade wants. Every Wholesale Price Reduction is immediately reflected in our stocks.



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We receive, at frequent intervals, new lots of Ladies' and Misses' Trimmed and Ready-to-Wear Hats, embodying the season's best styles. We have some wonderful values in Misses' Hats from \$1.50 to \$3.50, and Ladies' from \$1.75 to \$5.00.

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in Newest Styles, in All-Wool Serges and Poplins, Figured Silk Linings, \$21.50 to \$35.00. Spring Coats, Best Shades, New Styles, at \$10.00 to \$21.50.

Ladies' Skirts.

Woolen and Silk Solid Colors and Plaids, priced at from \$5 to \$12.50.

LADIES' BLOUSES

We are showing some very pretty styles in Georgette and Crepe De Chine Blouses—Beautiful Colors—\$3.75 to \$5.50. Plain Voiles and Organdies at \$2.00 to \$3.00; others as low as \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Beautiful New Dress Goods

The new styles and colorings for spring are very interesting. Silks, Voiles, Organdies, Crepes and Imported Colored Swisses at from 50c to \$2.00 the yard.

Amoskeag Fast Color Dress Gingham.

A shipment just received direct from the mills. Bright, New, Snappy Patterns, and only 20c yard; don't fail to see these. Staple Amoskeag Apron Gingham, very best, 15c yd.

SPLENDID SHOE STOCK

Our stock of Oxfords and Pumps is most complete, and prices are fully one-third less than formerly. All the wanted Styles and Leathers are represented here. Complete New Stock of Tennis and Sport Shoes for street wear, games and athletics. Colors, black, brown or white.

New Spring Clothing for Men and Boys

Stock now complete. Adler's Collegian Clothes, new models for Young Men just received. Club Checks, Hair-Line Stripes and Serges, priced at \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00 and \$40.00. Staple All-Wool Blue Serge Suits for Men at \$20 and \$25. Also, Browns and Fancy Worsteds. Boys' and Youths' Knickerbocker Suits in Fancy Colors and Serges, \$5, \$7, \$8.50, \$10, to \$15.

J. C. C. Corsets

A large new stock just received, embracing many New Styles of the College Girl line. A style for every type of figure. The COLLEGE GIRL is one of the most popular lines in the market, and the models range in price from \$1.50 to \$4.00.

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RUGS—MATTING—LINOLEUMS

Jap. Matting Rugs, 9x12 ft. . . . \$5.50

Heavy Oref Bungalow Rugs, 6x9 ft. . . 6.00

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Wood and Fibre, Velvet, Tapestry and Axminster Room Rugs, New Stock Windsor Shades, Curtain Scrims and Rods, Draperies, etc.

NEW STOCK OF PORCH AND LAWN FURNITURE.

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Everybody can afford to paint this year. Use SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS for durability and economy. Cover more surface per gallon and lasts longer. Full line of Varnishes, Enamels and Floor Stains.

Rockers, Chairs, Dressers, Tables, Kitchen Cabinets and Furniture of all kinds. Beautiful Iron Beds, Fine Felt-

Some Good Grocery Snaps

Lenox, Silk, Mascot and Luna (white) Soap . . . all 6 for 25c
Good Standard Canned Corn, per can . . . 10c
Wisconsin Early June Peas, Extra Sifted, per can . . . 20c
Full Standard Tomatoes, No. 2 size, per can . . . 10c
" " " " No. 3 size, per can, 15c, or per doz, \$1.60
No. 2 1-2 size Fancy Cal. Canned Apricots, per can . . . 25c

No. 2 1-2 size Ex. Fey Cal. Lemon Cling Peaches, 35c, or 3 for \$1
Standard Fine Granulated Sugar . . . 10 pounds for \$1
Dainty Sugar Cured Bacon (wrapped) . . . 20c lb
Best Pure Lard . . . 15c lb
Fine Northern Potatoes . . . \$1.25 bu
Good Soft Wheat Flour . . . \$4.30 per 100 lb

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